(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken several schemes for control of the child-hood mortality including infant mortality. A package of schemes has been developed aiming at specific intervention measures such as immunization, oral rehyderation, etc. These programmes are being delivered through the existing network of 1,22,000 sub-centres. Supplementary nutrition is also provided through various programmes such as Wheat-Based Supplementary Nutrition, World Food Programme, Balwadi Nutrition Programme etc. The Infant mortality is steadily declining over the years i.e. 140 in 1975 to 94 in 1988.

Killings in Assam

724. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the killings by unidentified gunmen remain unabated even after imposition of President's rule in Assam as was the case before its imposition;

(b) what is the average number of killings before and after the President's rule in Assam; and

(c) whether life and property are safe after the imposition of President's Rule in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) During 1990 before the imposition of President's Rule on an average, 5 killings were reported per month. The average No. of killings for the 3 months' period of President's Rule is 20 per month. All measures to protect life and property of the people in Assam are being taken.

Withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and Disturbed Areas Act from Assam

725. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not holding talks with the ULFA in spite of their willingness;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to withdraw the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and the Disturbed Areas Act from Assam;

(c) if so, by when they would be withdrawn; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No communication has been received by the Government of India from the ULFA in this regard.

(b) to (d) In view of the present situation in Assam, the withdrawal of the Act is not under consideration at present.

AIR Station at Sibsagar, Assam

726. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed AIR station at Sibsagar of Assam; and

(b) whether the work would be started in the next Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Sibsagar is fully covered by the 300 KW Medium Wave transmitter at Dibrugarh and there is, therefore, no proposal at present to establish a Radio Station in the town. Moreover, Radio Service is also expected to be available in the town on the commissioning of 2×5 KW Frequency Modulation transmitter under establishment at Jorhat.